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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. FBI SHARES BEST PRACTICES IN FORENSICS WITH BANGLADESH POLICE

DHAKA, FEBRUARY 23 -- The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Defense, in partnership with the Bangladesh Police Staff College today concluded a five-day law enforcement exchange focusing on crime scene management and evidence collection techniques. The exchange took place at the facilities of the Police Staff College in Dhaka.

At the conclusion of the training, the FBI's Acting Attaché in Bangladesh, Nathan Surface, remarked: "the evolving nature of transnational crime requires an array of sophisticated tools, specialized examination, and scientific methods to ensure that culprits are successfully brought to justice. I have seen case after case where forensic evidence has made a difference—excluding individuals from suspicion, identifying those responsible for the crimes, and giving victims closure and a measure of justice."

Ambassador Dan W. Mozena affirmed that "transnational criminals and their organizations know no borders. This exchange is an example of how the U.S. and Bangladesh can partner together to enhance our shared capabilities and fight a threat that is faced by every country."

Forty-one Bangladeshi officers from the Special Branch, Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Detective Branch, and Criminal Investigative Branch participated in the exchange. Six FBI and one Department of Defenses ubject matter experts came to Bangladesh to discuss best practices on a variety of crime scene issues with participants. Some of the topics covered include crime scene administration and management, body fluid and blood collection, crime scene photography, DNA evidence collection, hair and fiber collection, latent fingerprints, and human remains recovery.

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